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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Legislative Matters

1. This memorandum is for the information of the Director of Central Intelligence.

2. How the Agency is viewed by the Congress does not derive solely from the normal procedures concerned with proposed legislation. The most significant factors are the appearances of the Director before the CIA Subcommittees and the DCI intelligence briefings of other Committees. However, there are other day to day actions which are important and these are, in many ways, interrelated with the legislative processes of the Congress and the needs of individual members.

3. Committee Appearances. As a matter of policy, the CIA Subcommittee of House Armed Services has attempted to meet monthly with the Director. The CIA Subcommittee of House Appropriations meets on a more irregular basis. Senator Russell has followed the practice of holding joint meetings of the CIA Subcommittees of Senate Armed Services and Appropriations of which there have been four this year. However, there have been substantive intelligence briefings of many other Committees. The number of all briefings during 1963 totals thirty. The Agency consistently briefs the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy semiannually. During the year there have been three briefings each of the Senate Foreign Relations and House Foreign Affairs Committees. The Agency has briefed the Senate Preparedness Investigating Subcommittee on three occasions. Other briefings have included the Mahon Subcommittee on Defense Appropriations and the House Space Committee. This general pattern of briefing of other committees has been followed for some years.

4. Other Committee Contacts. The Agency has rendered considerable assistance to other Committees. For example, the House Government Operations Committee last year conducted a Government-wide survey of use of the polygraph. Through extensive discussion both with the Chairman and staff members, the Agency's response avoided classified matters and yet satisfied the needs of the Committee [redacted]

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5. Individual Member Contacts. There were several hundred referrals of individuals for employment during the last year. Approximately an equal number of reports were requested which concern constituent problems dealing with substantive matters. Unlike most other departments which deal with requests for reports on constituent inquiries by routine correspondence, the Agency in most cases is unable to provide reports on an unclassified basis. Consequently, personal contact with the member is necessary in order to avoid the impression of a negative attitude by the Agency toward the member's needs. A large number of inquiries are made by members on an oral basis. In these cases, as well as in the case of written requests, the opportunity is taken to develop with the member the true role of the Agency in the Executive structure and, if necessary, to explain carefully the reasons why we are unable to provide reports on sensitive matters. [redacted]

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Congressional groups have been invited for breakfast or luncheon meetings in order to provide them with an understanding of the Agency mission. On a selected basis, members have visited with Agency personnel at overseas stations. As examples - Stennis, Mahon, Dodd (and President Johnson himself).

6. Legislation.

a. The Agency monitors the 20,000 plus bills introduced into each Congress taking necessary action where (inadvertently in most cases) provisions in a bill would adversely affect CIA interests. Various Committees routinely request written reports from the Agency on legislative proposals.

b. The Early Retirement bill (H.R. 8427) sponsored by the Agency was the subject of hearings and favorable House floor action this year.

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d. The Morrison Federal Pay bill, H.R. 8986, reported favorably by the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, inadvertently placed the DCI at Level III in the Executive Pay structure whereas the Administration's bills (Udall and Broyhill) included the DCI at Level II. Mr. Morrison has strongly stated his view that this was a mistake and committed himself to submit a Committee amendment to correct it when the bill comes up for floor action.

e. There is renewed interest in Congress in the fact that it is not a Federal offense to murder the President and other high officials of the U.S. Government. It is believed that there are most cogent reasons why the murder of the DCI should also be made a Federal crime. It is difficult to foresee a proper and secure investigation by officials of some states of the possible assassination of the DCI. (A more detailed examination of this point is being prepared and will be forwarded in a few days.)

7. Twenty measures have been introduced in the 88th Congress proposing a Joint Committee on Intelligence which number is about the same as for the last several Congresses. Most of the current proponents are repeaters. With the expressed opposition of such leaders as Vinson, Russell and McCormack, it is doubtful that any action will be forthcoming on the current proposals.

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